Water Agency Responds to Wastewater Leak in Sonoma, CA

Third Street East and East Napa Street Slated for Closure, Repair Work

(Sonoma, CA) — Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) officials yesterday responded to a report of a wastewater leak located on Third Street East and East Napa Street in Sonoma. A work crew was dispatched to the site and found a leak in a sewer line belonging to the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (SVCSD). The wastewater was leaking from the pipe into an underlying storm water drain which discharges to Nathanson Creek. In order to repair the leak, Agency officials must close part of Third Street East and East Napa Street on Monday, September 18 to dig up the pipe located under the road.

Below is a summary of the leak:
- The source of the leak is from a Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District sewer line.
- Signs have been posted on Nathanson Creek to warn the public to avoid direct contact with creek water.
- Agency biologists surveyed the area and found no environmental impacts to nearby Nathanson Creek.

Repair Work:
- Agency crews today crawled into the storm drain to view the leak from the sewer line.
- The Agency is plugging the storm drain located under the sewer line in order to prevent any wastewater runoff into Nathanson Creek.
- Agency crews will monitor and pump wastewater from the storm drain throughout the weekend.
- On Monday, September 18, Agency officials will close part of Third Street East and East Napa Street to dig up the section of sewer line and repair the leak.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Office of Emergency Services, the Sonoma County Environmental Health Department and the California Department of Fish and Game were notified of the leak. The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District sewer collection system is operated by the Sonoma County Water Agency.

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